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## CHAIN OF LAKES PICNIC

Sponsored by Wabana Chain of Lakes Association



*All lakeshore people welcome for an  
old fashioned picnic*

Bring your neighbor and come to make new friends



Saturday, July 20, 2013

Wabana Town Hall Pavilion

4:30 pm Outdoor games begin

5:30 pm Picnic meal begins

We will provide: Hot dogs, Brats, Potato Salad, Chips,  
Beverages and Dessert

***Come, socialize, eat and have some fun***



## JULY 2013 LETTER FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Hello members and neighbors,

We had a well attended June meeting and the **Firewise** presentation by Bill Brink was excellent. Belonging to their organization helped many of WCOLA's members last year haul away much of the remaining blow down from the summer storm. **We have scheduled another Firewise pickup this year. In order for members to participate you must make sure that you make the brush piles that you want cleared available to the heavy equipment that will pick them up. That means near a road or a drive that has 15 or more feet clearance and no power or phone lines anywhere near. No need to cut the brush up. It is easier for them to handle large piles. Just make sure the length of material doesn't exceed 15 feet. You should clearly mark the pile or piles with pink or red ribbon and then let Bud Sage (326-4535) know well in advance so you can get the required form you will have to fill out and then be added to the schedule. Pickup will be sometime during the week of August 4th.**

Also of note, Bills presentation focused less on hauling away and more on assessing our homes to get a feel for how we would fare in case of a fire. There are **Firewise** risk assessment tools available to those of you who were unable to attend the meeting. Ask Bud or me for a set if you are interested. In summary, Bills advice was to clear fuel away from your home, focus on the area 30 feet away, examine with an eye to how a fire would get to your home and then trim and eliminate those paths a fire would take. You should also have a plan, tools available, a reliable water source, a meeting place and two escape routes. I cannot do justice to all Bill said in my note. Much of it was common sense, but as I look around my place and others on our lakes there are many improvements that should be made. Excellent topic to think on and discuss.

On the evening of the summer solstice Bill Downing was indeed on the end of his dock welcoming visitors to the third annual event. It was a well attended, well provisioned, and very enjoyable time for members and residents to join together in conversation and celebration. This year I didn't notice any of the usual ritual burning of the herbs and medicinals but I did spend some of the evening on the dock with a beer in hand so I may have missed that part. Bill, as usual, you were an excellent host and I think all who attended would join me in saying thanks again for inviting us into your home and sharing your family for the evening.

Hope the fourth was a patriotic day for each of you. I look forward to seeing you at the Chain Of Lakes Picnic (July 20th) and the Ice Cream Social (August 23rd) as well as on the water over the rest of this summer and into the fall.

Sincerely, John W. Zimmerman Jr.,  
President - Wabana Chain Of Lakes Association

### Upcoming Meeting Dates for 2013

**Saturday, July 20** Picnic - Wabana Town Hall Pavilion, - 4:30 p.m. Outdoor Games, 5:30 p.m. Picnic Meal Begins  
**During the Week of August 4th - Firewise** brush pickup scheduled to occur

**Wednesday, August 7** - Advisory Committee (5 p.m.)

**Saturday, August 17** (coffee, treats, at 8:30 a.m.)

9 a.m. TBD; 10-11 a.m. Meeting

**Friday, August 23** - Ice Cream Social from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Wabana Town Hall - sponsored by WCOLA and Wabana Township

**Wednesday, September 4** - Advisory Committee (5 p.m.)

**Saturday, September 21** (coffee, treats, at 8:30 a.m.)

9 a.m. TBD; 10-11 a.m. Meeting

**Wednesday, September 25** - Fall Roadside Cleanup - meet at Wabana Town Hall at 9:00a.m.

**All Meetings will be at the Wabana Town Hall and will last 1 (one) hour!**

### MINUTES - WCOLA MEETING MAY 18, 2013

The meeting of the Association was called to order by President John Zimmermann, Jr.

Minutes of the May 18, 2013 were approved by motion, seconded and passed.

The Treasurer's report was accepted as presented, motion seconded and passed.

Gib Willson reported that the Picnic will be July 20th, volunteers to help are needed. He also reported that the nominating committee needs to find a replacement for Art Merrill as Secretary for the year 2014 and following.

#### Old Business:

The Clean-up of township roads was done by nine persons in May. The next clean up will be September 25, 2013

The Advisory Board approved the proposal for T-shirts and sweatshirts, with modifications. Orders will be accepted by Alida Zimmermann through the day of the July 20th Picnic.

Alida Zimmermann will coordinate the training of volunteers to monitor the public access landings. Volunteers needed.

Terry Snyder, County Commissioner, noted that Itasca County has initiated a Code Red (emergency) program that can make up to 20,000 notifications.

It was announced that last week, Thursday, Ken Soring was appointed Chief Enforcement Officer of the Dept of Natural Resources.

The meeting adjourned at 10:35 am by acclamation.

Respectfully submitted,  
Arthur L. Merrill, Secretary

# WCOLA Tee Shirts Available -

ensure that minimal amount but will continue to take additional orders until the picnic ends on July 20th. To the left is a sample of what the shirts will look like.

There are four types of shirts available:

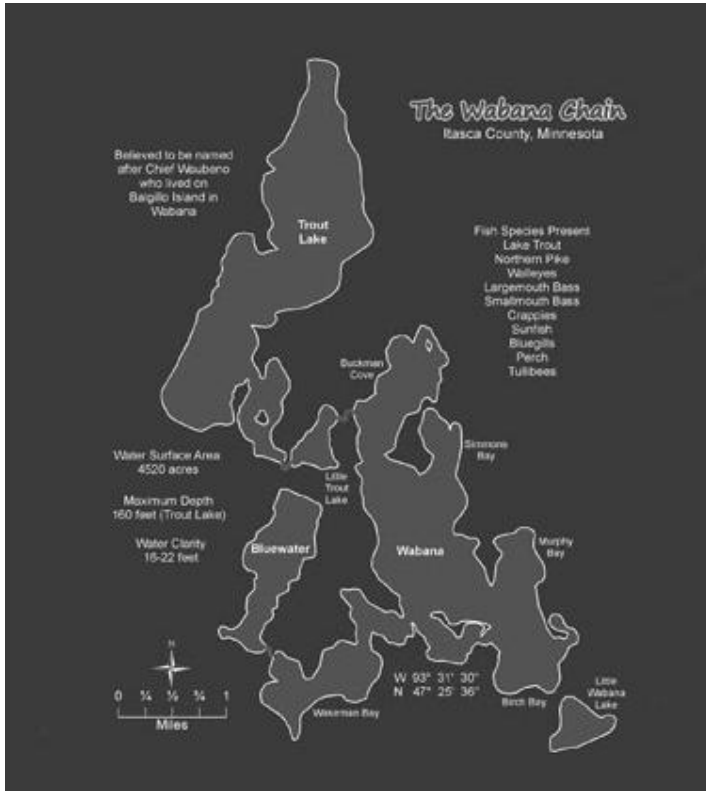
<u>Type</u>	<u>\$ Amount</u>
Short Sleeve T	\$15.00*
Long Sleeve T	\$20.00*
Crewneck Sweatshirt	\$28.00*
Hooded Sweatshirt	\$40.00*

\* Note - **you must add \$3.00 to the shirt price if you order size 2XL and \$5 for size 3XL.** Sizes are Adult Unisex Sizing - from Small thru 3XL.

The shirts are available in many colors - Navy, Black, Red, Maroon, Dark Green, Gray, White, Burnt Orange, Yellow and Light Blue.

We will take orders at the WCOLA Picnic. If you want a shirt and cannot attend the picnic - please call Alida Zimmerman (327-3188) prior to July 20th to place an order. If shirts are picked up at a future WCOLA meeting - there are no additional charges - shirts mailed will incur the additional postage fees.

These are great looking, quality shirts at a good price. They would make great Christmas gifts and if you have kids or grandkids, I am sure they would each like their own. Make sure you place an order in time to get one.



Member, Jack Velzen, offered to arrange a printing of shirts if we could ensure a minimum order by the end of our Picnic - July 20th. We already have enough orders to



No time or space for a real history article this month - but thought I would share a photograph that was part of the Pete / Susan Ireton collection. This is a picture of the old logging camp buildings on the north end of Big Trout. We know this because it was labeled "Old Logging Camp" and a second photo (not shown here but from the same collection) which was labeled "Trout Lake Looking North" you can see the same buildings in the distance on the north end of the lake. Thanks again to the Ireton family for preserving these great photographs and sharing them. If any of you have interesting pictures or stories about history around our lakes or community to share, let Roger Linder or me know. We will arrange to scan them, help you preserve them for the future and share them in this newsletter with other lake community residents.

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Association*

*JULY 2013*

*The next event is our annual picnic  
- at the Wabana Town Hall on  
**Saturday, July 20th.** See the  
advertisement inside for details and  
make sure to be there.*

*Our Next Association Meeting will  
be at Wabana township hall:*

**Saturday, August 17th.**

*There will be coffee and treats at  
8:30am and a great program  
followed by our regular WCOLA  
business meeting at 10:00am.*

*See you there!*

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